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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA - LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR FOOD AID
TRANSPORT

1. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM UNDRO:

QUOTE: A. ADDRESSEES ARE WELL AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENTS
FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AID IN THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREAS OF
ETHIOPIA. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS
HAS REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP AND THE UNITED
NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR TO INTENSIFY THEIR
RESPONSES TO THE NEEDS FOR RECOVERY, REHABILITATION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF THESE AREAS. AS RECENTLY AS 17 NOVEMBER,
THE SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION THAT REITERATES
THIS REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION AND INTENSIFICATION OF THESE
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EFFORTS.

B. THE BIGGEST DRAWBACK TO PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD
AID TO THE NEEDY OF ETHIOPIA IS THE LACK OF AN ADEQUATE
TRANSPORT FLEET. AFTER A RATHER MEAGRE RESPONSE TO
APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE IN SUPPLYING THIS TRANSPORT FLEET,
THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN ADDIS ABABA IN CON-

JUNCTION WITH THE WFP REPRESENTATIVE DEVELOPED AN EMERGENCY TRANSPORT PROJECT THAT WOULD SATISFY THE EXISTING NEEDS. YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN ADDIS ABABA HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THE DETAILS OF THIS PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

C. THE PROGRAMME PROVIDES FOR AN EMERGENCY TRANSPORT UNIT TO BE ESTABLISHED AS SEPARATE BRANCH OF NATIONAL TRANSPORT CORPORATION. THIS UNIT WOULD CONSIST OF THE 150 TRUCKS WHICH WOULD BE PURCHASED FROM A TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND FINANCED BY DONATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THESE TRUCKS WOULD CONSIST OF 125 LARGE TRUCK/TRAILER (THIRTY TON PAYLOAD) RIGS PLUS 25 MEDIUM (3-5 TON) FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS AND SPARES. HEAVY RIGS WOULD EXPEDITE DISTRIBUTION WFP AND BILATERAL FOOD AID FROM CONGESTED PORT OF ASSAB, WHILST MEDIUM TRUCKS WOULD DELIVER TO REMOTE AREA FEEDER POINTS WOLLO, TIGRE, AND OTHER PARTS OF ETHIOPIA WHOSE POPULATION REQUIRE EMERGENCY FOOD AID. TRUCKS WOULD BE SUBJECT O STANDARDIZED PROCUREMENT TO FACILITATE EFFICIENT MAINTENANCE, AND WOULD BEAR DISTINCTIVE MARKING AND PAINT TO EMPHASIZE UTILIZATION FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES. VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT AND MAINTENANCE WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY NATIONAL TRANSPORT CORPORATION WITH ASSISTANCE UNDP PROJECT MANAGER AND SUFFICIENT UNDP SUPPORT AND MONITORING STAFF. UNDP ALSO PROVIDING FUNDS FOR PURCHASE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP AND DRIVER/MECHANIC TRAINING FACILITIES.

D. TOTAL VEHICLE COST ESTIMATED AT TEN MILLION U.S. DOLLARS OF WHICH NEARLY HALF ALREADY PLEDGED BY GOVERNMENTS SWEDEN (3 MILLION DOLLARS) AND USA (1.97 MILLION DOLLARS). PLEDGES NOW URGENTLY SOUGHT FOR BALANCE FIVE MILLION U.S. DOLLARS, TO PERMIT LAUNCHING INVITATIONS TO TENDER BEFORE YEAR END. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE UNDP SOONEST POSSIBLE WHETHER THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.

E. THIS MESSAGE DISTRIBUTED TO GENEVA MISSIONS OF BELGIUM, CANADA, DEM. REP. OF GERMANY, DENMARK, FRANCE, FINLAND, FED. REP. OF GERMANY, JAPAN, KENYA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, USSR, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, THE HOLY SEE. END QUOTE.
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